

Berwick Family Times

ACCIDENT FROM CRINOLINE

On Tuesday a rather distressing accident occurred in Woolmarket . A girl, seven years of age, daughter of Mr John Walker, Woolmarket, while carrying a child scarcely 2 years old upon her back was met by 2 women passing up the street who, with distended skirts, pushed against the girl in passing. The girl was thrown to the ground and one of her thighs was fractured. Either unconscious of the nature of the accident or heedless of the consequence, the women rendered no assistance but proceeded in leaving the poor girl to the care of others who witnessed the accident. The unfortunate girl has since been under surgical treatment.

*Berwick Advertiser,
21 November, 1863*

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT BERWICK

THREE PERSONS KILLED

A terrible explosion of gunpowder which caused the loss of three lives, occurred on Saturday on the premises of Messers Caverhill & Co, ironmongers and cartridge manufacturers, Berwick. The shop, together with that of Mr Plenderleith, stationer, adjoining, was completely destroyed, the damage amounting to several thousands of pounds. The victims of the disaster are Mr Andrew Melville Caverhill, secretary of the Company, Mrs Taylor, wife of a gamekeeper, of Pithouses, Lamberton, and an apprentice named Gregson, the son of a Berwick hairdresser. Mr Andrew and Mr William Caverhill were waiting at their shop door for another brother, who was in an adjoining shop. The first was killed by the falling masonry and the other received various injuries, but none fatal. Mrs Taylor was buried by the debris, and died several hours after she had been extricated. The charred remains of the apprentice, Gregson, were recovered amidst the ruins of the cartridge-making room.

*Grantham Journal,
29 August, 1896*

COMING SOON!

FAMILY HISTORY DAY

The *Our Families Project* requests your company at

a **FAMILY HISTORY DAY** on
SATURDAY 16TH APRIL, 2016

in

BERWICK TOWN HALL, MARYGATE

from 10am to 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

**SEE INSIDE FOR
FULL PROGRAMME**

WILLIAM COWE, GROCER, TEA DEALER, WINE MERCHANT ETC

Begs most respectfully to intimate to his numerous Customers and the Public generally, That he has added the WINE DEPARTMENT to his Business, and requests a trial. His WINES being Purchased from the best Shippers only, will be found To be Moderate in Price and of very Superior Quality

PORT24s to 42s per dozen

SHERRY, FROM 24s TO 36s

Price List on application

AN APPRENTICE WANTED

Illustrated Berwick Journal, 10 April, 1863

BERWICK 900 FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick
Saturday 16th April, 10am to 4pm
Free Admission

Talks

- 10.30am **Valerie Glass**
Northumberland & Durham Family History Society – come and find out about the North Northumberland branch
- 11am **Ralph Holmes**
My Weird & Wonderful Family
- 12 noon **Paul Jardine and Tina Gough**
The Barracks Re-awakened
- 1pm **Linda Bankier**
The Berwick 900 Our Families Project
- 2pm **Bill Stewart**
A Century of Boatbuilders in Berwick and Eyemouth
- 3pm **David Pye**
Berwick War Memorial – personal stories of soldiers

Local Family history displays

- Berwick Freemasons
Borders Family History Society
Lothians Family History Society
North East War Memorials Project
Northumberland Archives
Northumberland & Durham Family History Society
Scottish Borders Council Archives (Hawick Heritage Hub)

All the exhibitors are keen to help you with your family history.

Proposals for Berwick Barracks

Jura Consultants / Spence & Dower

Family History surgeries

From 10.30am to 3pm
with local experts. Booking essential: email berwickfamilies@gmail.com or ring 01835 822403.

A Step Back in Time

A three part performance by the Maltings Youth Theatre. Travel back in time and experience Berwick in 1911:
11am: Outside the Town Hall
11.45: Gaol area of Town Hall
12.30: Outside the Town Hall

Family Activities

Come and create your own family tree.
In the Gaol area – led by Jane Miller of Berwick Museum.

Films

See what Berwick was like in 1911 and 1929. Running continuously in the Gaol area.

Greenses and Ravensdowne

See what we have done so far.

Burgon Family Tree

Can you add to it?

Refreshments



FREE FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS IN BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

Have you got so far with your family history and got stuck? Come along to these workshops and find out about sources to check and how to read them. Led by Linda Bankier and the Our Families Volunteers

22 April, 10am–noon Palaeography

Learn how to read 16th to 19th century handwriting.

3 May, 10am–noon Beyond the Internet

Come and find out about records beyond basic sources including parish records and wills.

13 May, 2pm–4pm Freemen Records

Learn about the records of the Guild of Freemen of Berwick-upon-Tweed and how to use them.

**Booking for these workshops is essential as there is limited space.
Book by email at berwickfamilies@gmail.com or on 01289 301865**

FREE GUIDED WALKS

Friday 15 April: Georgian Berwick—A walk along Ravensdowne and Quay Walls, where the well-to-do lived, with Linda Bankier, starting at 2.30pm.

Sunday 17 April: Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales—An historical walk around the High and Low Greens with Linda Bankier, starting at 2.30pm.

Booking for these walks is essential.

Book with Berwick Tourist Information Centre: 01670 622155

FAMILY HISTORY SURGERIES

Wondering how to start your family history or don't know where to look next?

Book a free 20 minute surgery on 16th April.

Email berwickfamilies@gmail.com or ring 01835 822403.



FAMILY STORIES

Every family has interesting family stories.
If you have a story of anyone with a Berwick, Tweedmouth or Spittal connection, email it to Peter Munro at berwickfamilies@gmail.com
See other people's stories at
<http://berwick900.blogspot.co.uk>

DIAMOND WEDDING OF A LAMBERTON TOLL COUPLE

Yesterday afternoon Mr and Mrs Richard Wood living in Middle Street, Spittal, Berwick, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage, they having been married at Lamberton Toll on the 9th September 1837, by the famous Joe Aitchison who at that time was a well known figure at marriages solemnized at the Northern Gretna. Mr and Mrs Wood are natives of Spittal, where the old gentleman for many years followed the occupation of a fisherman and harbour pilot. Mr and Mrs Wood have had nine children, three of whom died young; while they have had 51 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. They are still hale and hearty.

Edinburgh Evening News, 10 September, 1897

HENRY COLLINS

The important office of priest of Hymen at the celebrated temple of Lamberton Toll, has this week become vacant by the somewhat sudden demise of Mr Henry Collins, who has officiated for a period of nearly twenty years. The duties of the situation are by no means of a light description, there having been, we are told, during the last year, 330 marriages celebrated after this fashion., and the usual average of years is upwards of 300. The fees realised from these must have amounted to something considerable.

*Elgin Courant & Morayshire Advertiser,
12 January, 1849*

James Burgon, Army Veterinary Corps, horse shoer who resides with his parents at 29 Low Greens, Berwick, arrived home on Thursday morning, 29th November on a fortnight's leave. Suffering from a poisoned hand some folks have concluded that he has been wounded, but happily this is not the case. Private Burgon has seen three years service and was a blacksmith with Messers Caverhill. He is a son of Mr Alick Burgon, motor ferryman.

Berwick Advertiser, 30 November, 1917



*Berwick Parish Church
(from Dr Fuller's "History of Berwick", 1799)*

**FOR ONE NIGHT
ONLY**

at THE MALTNGS

**Berwick Youth
Theatre presents**

**A STEP BACK IN
TIME**

**in the Henry Travers
Studio**

**on THURSDAY
21ST APRIL, 7.30pm**

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